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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	1,2,6,8,9, 11,12	US 6263229 B1	(JOHNS HOPKINS) - see figure 1 and column 6, lines 1 to 40.
X	1,2,6,8,9, 11,12	WO 00/25673 A1	(JOHNS HOPKINS) - see especially figure 1A, 1B and page 8, lines 8 to 22
X	1,2,6,8	GB 2331587	(ROZNITSKY) - see page 8, lines 17 to 32, and figure 4.
X	1,2,6,8	EP 0315382 A2	(UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA) - note figure 2B and pages 3 (lines 26 to 57) and 4 (lines 10 to 15).
X	1,2,6,8	US 4801885	(SIEMENS) - figures 1 and 5 and column 5, lines 35 to 57.

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Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKCV:

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report:

WPI, EPODOC, JAPIO, INSPEC, IEEE Xplore